

February 3, 1993 LB 54

CLERK: Madam President, LB 54, I do have E & R, first of all, Senator.

SENATOR HOHENSTEIN: Madam President, I'd move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 54.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to adopt E & R amendments. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. The E & R amendments are adopted.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Horgan had amendments on LB A...54, excuse me. Senator, I have a note you want to withdraw AM0121, is that correct? Thank you. Madam President, Senator Horgan would move to amend with AM0166. (See page 475 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members. This is the...LB 54 is the 900 bill that we debated the other day, and Senator Lynch, I think, had particular questions about it, and in your Journal on page 451, you will see the original amendment that I was going to offer, and I am substituting a new amendment for that, which is basically the same as LB...or as the amendment on page 451. And what it does, it says if someone calls a 900 number, their only opportunity to enter this contest is through the 900 number and to spend 29 cents, that they cannot be enticed to continue that call and pay an additional fee. Now what apparently happens many times throughout the country is if you have the opportunity to enter by mail and you have the opportunity to enter with a 29-cents phone call, you also can be enticed to continue on to maybe purchase something additional or spend some extra money on that 900 number. And what this amendment will do, it will say if you have...if the only opportunity to enter the contest is through the 900 number and to spend the 29 cents, then that is it. They cannot entice you to continue on with that phone call to spend additional dollars. Now they still, under this law, will be allowed, if you have the opportunity to enter by mail, and you choose to make the 29-cent phone call, they will be allowed to encourage you to go on and spend some additional money with them. But if the only opportunity you have to enter is by the phone call and you cannot enter by mail, this amendment will say, it will put a prohibition on the companies and say you cannot continue on with